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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

**CATHY A. CATTERSON
U.S. COURT OF APPEALS**

SHIWA SILAN, et al.,

Petitioners,

v.

JOHN ASHCROFT, Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 02-73299

Agency Nos. A71-944-925

A71-944-926

A71-944-927

A71-944-928

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted December 5, 2003**
Seattle, Washington

Before: KLEINFELD, GOULD, and TALLMAN, Circuit Judges.

The adverse credibility determinations made by the immigration judge and Board of Immigration Appeals are supported by specific and cogent explanations.

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** This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

See Singh-Kaur v. INS, 183 F.3d 1147, 1151-54 (9th Cir. 1999); *Mejia-Paiz v. INS*, 111 F.3d 720, 724 (9th Cir. 1997). Even if Silan testified truthfully, a reasonable fact finder would not be compelled to conclude that his story establishes past persecution or a well-founded fear of future persecution on account of any of the five protected grounds, or that it is more likely than not that removal would result in persecution on account of any of those grounds or torture. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(42)(A); 8 C.F.R. § 208.16(b), (c)(2); *Singh v. INS*, 134 F.3d 962, 967–68 (9th Cir. 1998); *Prasad v. INS*, 47 F.3d 336, 340 (9th Cir. 1995).

PETITION DENIED.